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## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM DECEMBER 1, 2016**

### **AUORIZATION TO PROCURE SERVICES FOR WHOLE PERSON WELLNESS PILOT**

The Board of Supervisors has approved several key actions related to the County's housing and service delivery infrastructure for vulnerable individuals. One such action was the establishment of Project One for All, a commitment to provide intensive wraparound services to all individuals who are homeless with serious mental illness, upon the recommendation of Chairman Ron Roberts and Supervisor Greg Cox on February 2, 2016 (14).

Furthering the Board's goals of providing integrated housing and services, on June 28, 2016 (6) the Board of Supervisors authorized the submission of a proposal for a "Whole Person Care" pilot project through the California Department of Health Care Services, and to enter into any resulting contract with the State. The County has been notified that it will be funded to implement a Whole Person Care pilot project to be known as "Whole Person Wellness".

The focus of Whole Person Wellness is to provide comprehensive system navigation for individuals with complex physical and/or behavioral health needs who are homeless or are experiencing unstable living circumstances. This set of circumstances results in high costs to Medi-Cal and other public systems due to frequent Emergency Department visits and lengthy acute hospital stays. This action to procure Whole Person Wellness services will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2016.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board support the recommendation to authorize procurement of one or more contracts to provide Whole Person Wellness services.**